GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROHIBITION OF LIQUOR/DRUGS ON DUTY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to rules Pilots,Commanders,Navigators,Engineers and Cabin Crew are not supposed to have liquor,sedatives,narcotics or stimulants within 12 hours of the flight they are supposed to operate;

(b) if so, the facts and the number of such cases have come to light in the Government during the last two years; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the errant pilots and cabin crew and others in the light of incidents of drunk on duty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir.Rule 24 of Indian Aircraft Rules,1937 prohibits use of any alcoholic drink,sedative,narcotic or stimulant drug or preparation by pilot,commander,navigator,engineer, cabin crew and other operating member of the crew within 12 hours of the commencement of the flight or in the course of the flight.During the last two years i.e. 2006 to 2008 (till date),105 cases of positive alcohol detection for cockpit crew and cabin crew were reported.

(c):- Penal action such as grounding of the cockpit/cabin crew with loss of pay and allowances is taken in case a crew member is detected alcohol positive during breath analyser tests.In case of repetitive detection even the services of the crew member are terminated.